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FOLLOWING SENT SECSTATE, INFO ALGIERS, BRASILIA, EC BRUSSELS,
CANBERRA, CARACAS, GENEVA, LIMA, MANILA, NEW DELHI, NOUAKCHOTT,
SANTIAGO, STOCKHOLM, MARCH 6, FROM OTTAWA RPTD TO YOU:

QUOTE C O N F I D E N T I A L OTTAWA 0824

E.O. 11652: GDS

TAGS: EALR, EMIN, ETRD, CA

SUBJ: IRON ORE EXPORTERS ASSOCIATION: POSSIBLE
CANADIAN MEMBERSHIP

REF: OTTAWA 353

1. EXTAFF'S COMMERCIAL POLICY DIVISION DIRECTOR
SHANNON VOLUNTEERED TO ECON COUNSELOR AT RECENT
SOCIAL FUNCTION THAT GOC IS GIVING SERIOUS CONSIDERATION
TO ACCEPTING MEMBERSHIP IN IRON ORE EXPORTERS ASSOCIATION
AND MUST MAKE UP ITS MIND BEFORE NEXT MEETING OF
ASSOCIATION SCHEDULED FOR EARLY APRIL IN GENEVA.
SHANNON SAID HE THOUGHT USG SHOULD BE FOREWARNED OF
POSSIBILITY.

2. SHANNON NOTED THAT GOC HAS BEEN ATTENDING
MEETINGS OF EXPORTERS AS OBSERVER AND IMPLIED IT
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WOULD PREFER TO CONTINUE AS OBSERVER. HOWEVER, HE SAID,

DRAFT ASSOCIATION AGREEMENT DOES NOT APPEAR TO LEAVE
ROOM FOR ANYTHING EXCEPT FULL MEMBERSHIP. SHANNON SAID
PRESENT PROPOSED TERMS OF REFERENCE WHICH GOC HAD A
HAND IN WORKING OUT AT NEW DELHI ARE "NOT TOO BAD."
HE EMPHASIZED THAT GOC WOULD NOT PARTICIPATE IN ANY
ARRANGEMENT WHOSE PURPOSE WAS TO "FIDDLE WITH SUPPLY
AND PRICING." AMONG OTHER REASONS, DOMESTIC CANADIAN
INTERESTS WOULD NOT SIT STILL FOR SUCH MACHINATIONS.
PORTER UNQUOTE. INGERSOLL

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